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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION

REFS: A. STATE 112249; B. STATE 112530; C. THE HAGUE 2471

1. DRAWING ON ALL POINTS IN REF

B, ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR MADE

DEMARCHE ON DRAFT NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION TO VAN

EEKELLEN, DIRECTOR OF NATO AFFAIRS IN MFA, MAY 15.

GON OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED EARLIER IN

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DAY TO PROVIDE HIS COMMENTS ON DRAFT DECLARATIONS TO

DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, RUTTEN, WHO  
SCHEDULED DISCUSS MATTER MAY 16 WITH SONNENFELDT.

2. VAN EEKELEN SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD RUTTEN AND DUTCH  
NATO MISSION THAT BELGIAN DRAFT WAS PREFERABLE TO US/IS  
DRAFT, BUT THAT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE  
US AND UK DESIRES TO EMBODY DECLARATION WITH MORE SUB-  
STANCE. DUTCH FEEL THAT STYLE OF BELGIAN DRAFT IS MORE  
FITTING FOR A COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED IN ASSOCIATION  
WITH A SUMMIT, WHILE TONE OF US DRAFT WAS MORE APPROPRIATE  
FOR REGULAR MINISTERIAL MEETING. IN ADDITION, DUTCH ARE  
CONCERNED WITH WHAT THEY CONSIDER DEFENSIVE TONE IN PARA  
4 OF US DRAFT WHICH MAY WORK TO DETRIMENT OF ALLIANCE  
INTERESTS.

3. VAN EEKELEN FELT THAT, EVEN CONSIDERING THE GREAT  
STYLISTIC DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO DRAFTS, IT SHOULD BE  
POSSIBLE (TAKING THE BELGIAN DRAFT AS THE BASIS) TO  
WORK IN SOME MORE SUBSTANCE FROM THE US/IS PAPER. WHEN  
EMBOFF REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MODIFY  
BELGIAN DRAFT WHICH BASICALLY A RECITATION OF PLATITUDES,  
DIRECTOR REPLIED THAT EFFORT AND IMAGINATION WOULD  
CERTAINLY BE REQUIRED. DUTCH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A  
DRAFTING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED AT NATO, AND WOULD  
LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORT. VAN EEKELEN THOUGHT  
THAT COMMITTEE COULD COME UP WITH DRAFT WHICH COULD  
THEN BE PRESENTED TO US/UK ON ONE HAND AND  
BELGIUM/FRANCE ON THE OTHER AS A COMPROMISE.

4. IN CLOSING, EMBOFF REPEATED STRONG USG VIEW THAT  
A SUMMIT DECLARATION WHICH FACES UP TO PROBLEMS OF  
ALLIANCE REALISTICALLY WILL HAVE BETTER IMPACT ON  
WESTERN PUBLIC OPINION THAN WOULD ONE WHICH IS DEVOID  
OF SUBSTANCE.  
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